

**SEC. 556. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EDUCATION
BENEFITS TO
INCLUDE CERTAIN RESERVE OFFICERS*
TRAINING CORPS
(ROTO PARTICIPANTS).**

- (1) program of educational assistance under section 2107 of title 10" in paragraph (2); and
- (2) by striking out "or upon completion of a program of educational assistance under section 2107 of title 10 is not eligible for educational assistance under this section if the individual enters on active duty—
"(A) before October 1, 1996; or
"(B) after September 30, 1996, and while participating in such program received more than \$2,000 for each year of such participation."
- (3) program of educational assistance under section 2107 of title 10" in paragraph (2); and
- (4) by adding at the end the following:
"(3) An individual who after December 31, 1976, receives a commission as an officer in the Armed Forces upon completion of a program of educational assistance under section 2107 of title 10 is not eligible for educational assistance under this section if the individual enters on active duty—
"(A) before October 1, 1996; or
"(B) after September 30, 1996, and while participating in such program received more than \$2,000 for each year of such participation."

**SEC. 557. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT ON COST AND
POLICY
IMPLICATIONS OF PERMITTING UP TO FIVE
PERCENT OF
SERVICE ACADEMY GRADUATES TO BE
ASSIGNED
DIRECTLY TO RESERVE DUTY UPON GRADUATION.**

(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on National Security of the House of Representatives a report providing an analysis of the cost implications, and the policy implications, of permitting up to five percent of each graduating class of each of the service academies to be

placed upon graduation and commissioning, in an active status in the appropriate reserve component (without a minimum period of obligated active duty service), with a corresponding increase in the number of ROTC graduates each year who are permitted to serve on active duty upon commissioning.

(b) INFORMATION ON CURRENT ACADEMY GRADUATES IN RESERVE COMPONENTS.—The Comptroller General shall include in the report information (shown in the aggregate and separately for each of the Armed Forces and for graduates of each service academy) on—

(1) the number of academy graduates who at the time of the report are serving in an active status in a reserve component; and